

# NEWS

13<sup>th</sup> January 2023 – Issue 4



Happy New Year  
2023

## HAPPY NEW YEAR! WELCOME BACK.

We hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

This term is filled with exciting events, assemblies, clubs and more so please be sure to keep checking on our website, Facebook page and new App (details below).

If you were lucky enough to get a new phone for Christmas, please remember to update your contact details with the office also.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January

Science Star of the Week Assembly from 9am.

### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January

Swashbuckling Pirate Dinner Day

### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February

School breaks at 3pm for half-term

### Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February

School resumes for the children

### Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

School breaks for Easter

## eSchool Lite App

eSchools have launched a new App for Apple and Android which will keep parents/carers alerted to changes on the school website including Newsletters, Calendar reminders and access to the full website.



Scan the QR code and subscribe to receive important updates and school information.

## Swashbuckling Dinner Day



THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY –  
PIRATE SWASHBUCKLING  
DINNER DAY

Shipwreck sausages in a bun  
Jack Sparrow Fries  
Golden jewel corn and emerald  
peas  
Cannonball Cornflake cake

## PAF ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

An extraordinary PAF meeting has been arranged for **16<sup>th</sup> February from 5.30pm** to discuss the future of the PAF Association.

A number of parents/carers have expressed an interest in possibly undertaking committee positions, this meeting will be the time when these parties can nominate themselves for positions based on their skills/experiences and availability to help.

If sufficient interest and we are able to agree and vote in a new committee then the future of the PAF Association will be guaranteed for a little while longer at least - Fingers Crossed.

## Staff News

On the training day on 9.1.23 all staff were very busy. Teachers and Learning Support staff had training on maths, English, Emotion self-Regulation. Teachers also discussed provision for SEND and disadvantaged pupils. Learning Support staff had training on using the online first aid reporting system and an update on learning interventions for pupils.

On 10.1.23 Mrs Saxton undertook some Primary Engineering training to further enhance the STEM teaching EYFS. Miss Fields continues to study for her National Qualification in Leading literacy and Mrs Endacott has been working with the Great North Maths Hub as part of our Mastering Maths journey.

Mrs Gray and Mrs Stewart are currently undertaking some CPD in the Linking Leaders programme. This programme will help both teachers deepen their own subject knowledge around curriculum design and give them an opportunity to work with schools across North Tyneside and Newcastle in a set of peer reviews. The peer reviews will help highlight excellent practice and look for some key questions going forward in terms of their subjects (Geography, Music and PSHE).

Mrs Endacott is mentoring Miss Tolson through her Early Career Teaching development and meet every week to share good practice and reflect on lesson observations/training units.

## Governor News

Many of our school governors were able to attend some of our Christmas events and hopefully you had a chance to put names to faces.

In the autumn term, the Governors met several times and discussed many issues and policies. Most pressing were the budget and the pressures facing the school financially. Additionally, the governors received a report from our School Improvement Partner which highlighted all the excellent work school has undertaken on the curriculum; the report also highlighted the many excellent features of our Behaviour and Welfare and our Personal Development provision.

Governors also conducted the headteacher appraisal in November. Governors received training on safeguarding and Child protection updates.

## Governor Visits

During the autumn term, our governors conducted visits to assist with the leadership and management of the budget (Adrian Dougherty and Angela Hall) the Creative Curriculum (Lance Hardy), headteacher appraisal (Adrian Dougherty and Angela Hall), English (Emma Fagan) and a general tour of the school (Lucy Ames).

## New Governor Biography

My name is Lucy Ames and my daughter started Nursery at Holywell in September.

I have worked in education for the last 17 years as a primary school teacher in two local authority schools in Northumberland. Last academic year I joined the governing body as a staff governor at the school where I work. I believe my experience as a staff governor will enable me to bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the role of parent governor at Holywell Village First School.

### Packed Lunch Reminder:

Please can the parents/carers of those on packed lunches remember that we have a 'healthy packed lunch' protocol within school. **Chocolate and sweets are only permitted once per week, on a Friday as a treat** and in moderation please.

## Reception 2023 School Applications

The Northumberland County Council portal for Reception school applications for September 2023 is now open and will close on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

If you have an eligible age child and have NOT yet completed an application for Reception 2023 please do so here:

[https://schadm.northumberland.gov.uk/CitizenPortal\\_LIVE/en](https://schadm.northumberland.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en)

Our Y4 Gymnasts are taking part in a competition next Wednesday at Northern Gymnastics Centre – we wish them the very best of luck!



Why not follow our school Facebook page? Teachers and staff will often share some interesting events or lessons that children have enjoyed. Just search for @holywellschool on Facebook and a page with the school



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### UNIFORM BRING AND BUY SALE

TUESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY – NEW AND NEARLY NEW UNIFORM ITEMS BEING SOLD FOR 50P AND £1 PER ITEM.

This is your chance to grab some uniform bargains for rapidly growing children!

